

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 396

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize John Carroll on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, John Carroll is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as an educator for thirty-four years and, most recently, as the Principal of Rogersville Middle School for four years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a man with an extensive and diverse career history, John Carroll proudly served his country in the United States Air Force before going to work as a camera man at Channel 5 and Channel 11; and

WHEREAS, during his work with the television stations, Mr. Carroll earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business and also worked tirelessly as an employee of Adams Electric in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, he was joined in holy matrimony with Audrey Carroll, and this blessed union produced two children, David and Megan Carroll; and

WHEREAS, only six months after his wedding, John Carroll began his master's program at Eastern Tennessee State University; he graduated in 1978 with a Master of Arts in Teaching; and

WHEREAS, immediately after graduation, he accepted a position as a sixth grade math and science teacher at Rogersville City Schools, where he taught and coached basketball for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, an avid learner, Mr. Carroll went on to earn his Doctorate in Education in 1985 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, always committed to improving the quality of life for others, John Carroll worked for three years as the Head of Helping Hands, a program designed to aid mentally disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll soon became a member of the Hawkins County School Board, and, in 1989, stepped into a new position as Principal of Church Hill Middle School, where he perceptively served for four years before becoming Principal of Bulls Gap School; and

WHEREAS, John Carroll faithfully served Bulls Gap School, with classes from kindergarten through the twelfth grade, for twelve years until 2005, when he assumed his current role as Principal of Rogersville Middle School; and

WHEREAS, John Carroll is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the HCEA teachers' negotiating team, of which he was a member; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Carroll is thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Audrey Carroll, and for the time he gets to spend with his children, daughter, Megan Carroll, and son and daughter-in-law, David and Ashely Carroll; and

WHEREAS, John Carroll exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Carroll has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend John Carroll for thirty-four years of devoted service to the State of Tennessee and its children, thank him for his unwavering commitment to the highest tenets of education, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.